

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 751

By Coleman

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Siegel High School Band for its exemplary achievements throughout the 2009 season.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to honor those students whose proficiency in an art, craft, or trade has garnered them national accolades; and

WHEREAS, the art of creating music has long been an important part of humanity, serving as a voice for those traits that make us truly human, preserving our history, and forging bridges between diverse cultures; and

WHEREAS, recognition should be given to this State's young musicians for their excellent musical skills and their ability to work together as a marching band; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary work and dedication of the young men and women in the Siegel High School Band helped them achieve numerous awards and accolades throughout the 2009 competition season; and

WHEREAS, after perfecting their 2009 program, "Paintings in the Night Sky," the talent of these intrepid young musicians was on display during a thrilling performance at the Travelers Rest Invitational on October 3, 2009, and was recognized with awards for Best Music, Best Effect, Best Percussion, Best Color Guard, and First Place Overall; and

WHEREAS, traveling to Atlanta, Georgia, in mid October, the band masterfully performed at two competitions; first, at the Kennesaw Invitational, the Siegel High School Band won Best Color Guard, Best Drum Major, Best Percussion, and was awarded First Place in Class; and

WHEREAS, focusing on the next competition in Atlanta, the Southern Musical Invitational, the band competed against twenty other high school bands, and after a magical

performance, they were awarded the Dan Martin Award for Musical Excellence, as well as winning awards for Best Overall Music, Best Percussion, Best Auxiliaries, and being named Grand Champion of the competition; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2009, the Siegel High School Band delivered a colorful and majestic performance at the Music City Invitational, winning First Place for Best Music, as well as claiming the Mayor's Cup trophy for Best Band in Division; and

WHEREAS, at the Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) Contest of Champions held on October 31, 2009, competing against twenty-four other bands, they were selected as one of eight finalist; and

WHEREAS, after a dazzling performance, the Siegel High School Band was designated as Grand Champion of the event, and received the highest honor of the season, winning the Tennessee Governor's Cup; and

WHEREAS, garnering national attention for their outstanding performances, the Siegel High School Band secured an invitation to represent the State of Tennessee in the 2010 St. Patrick's Day parade in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, these remarkable student-musicians owe a great deal of their instruction and musical exposure to the constant and acute leadership of Band Directors Randy Rhody and Ed Medford, who are ably assisted by Annette Rhody, Jerry Steinhilber, and the tireless dedication of Drum Major Matt Bowe; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Rhody's and Mr. Medford's able leadership and the support of Siegel High School Principal Ken Nolan, the Siegel High School Band has grown to more than 160 members, each of whom is an exemplary ambassador of this State; and

WHEREAS, as a result of its perennial dedication to the highest standards of musical and marching performance, the Siegel High School Band serves as the gold standard among its peers in the State of Tennessee and across this great Nation, and each one of these young men and women should be recognized and extolled for their commitment and hard work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate the Siegel High School Band for an incredible and memorable 2009 season, commend the band's devotion to providing the highest level of musicianship, and offer our fondest wishes for its continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.